

LOUISIANA.

NEW ORLEANS, January 18.—The following is General Auler's reply to Governor Packard's letter of Tuesday night:—

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. OF THE GULF, NEW ORLEANS, January 17, 1877.

Hon. S. B. Packard, State House.—Dear Sir:—Your letter dated the 16th inst., which you had published in newspapers and telegraphed north before it was possible for me to see, is received. Though addressed to me, I understand very well that it is not particularly intended for me, and for some errors I am personally, should not think it necessary to make any reply. You state that the letter had been issued early on this day, the 9th inst., by the Hon. Secretary of War, directing that unauthorized armed bodies should be required to desist, &c.

I (you) considered this order of the Secretary of War as virtually commanding a maintenance of the status quo, consequently the State forces in charge of different positions outside of the capital were directed to make such resistance as would compel a manifestation of force and breach of the peace on the part of their opponents. It was my understanding that neither should be permitted to interfere with the status of the other side.

In reply to this I would state that the time of day at which the order was issued is immaterial. It was not received here until some time after the surrender, without resistance, of the Supreme Court room, arsenal and all of the police stations, and it is quite a new thing to me to hear that you even considered that order as commanding a maintenance of the status quo. Yourself and officers in command immediately under you have repeatedly stated that it was the intention to seize any favorable opportunity to recover the court room, and you have repeatedly sent your sheriff to demand that room, and have twice since that time made written application to me for troops to assist in such recovery. This does look as though it was your understanding that neither side should be permitted to interfere with the status of the other side. It was the fact of these threats to recover lost ground whenever opportunity presented itself that has furnished an excuse for the Nicholls party to keep a force in readiness to resist them, and it was in view of this very condition of affairs that yesterday morning I directed two of my staff, one to see you and one to see Gen. Nicholls, to inquire, not request, if some agreement or understanding could not be entered into by which the status quo, could be guaranteed until such time as the President should make his decision. Such an arrangement would do away with the supposed necessity of keeping up a body of armed men on either side and diminish very greatly the chances for violence and bloodshed. I made no request in the matter. I had no right to make any request. It was simply a suggestion in the interest, as I thought, of peace, and to give a moment of quiet to the citizens of this excited city. Neither General Nicholls nor yourself thought it advisable to adopt it. There it ended. An error was made too in the form of the memorandum left you by Major Russell last night, though of no particular moment. Still I prefer to be reported correctly. In directing the staff officers last night to deliver to you and Gen. Nicholls each a copy of the dispatch of the 16th, from the Secretary of War, he was told: "Say to each that I hope they will give assurances that the President's wishes shall be respected." I made no request for such assurances.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
C. C. AUGER,
Brig. Gen. Commanding.

The effect of instructions from the War Department to Gen. Auger, to preserve the status quo of both parties until the reports of the Congressional committees are received, is plainly visible. All danger of a collision is regarded as past, at least for the present.

In the democratic Senate, yesterday, Mr. Custer introduced a resolution setting forth that Gen. Packard, falsely assuming to be Governor, had, by means of a scandalous and libelous publication, purporting to be a proclamation addressed to the General Assembly and lawful authorities, and calculated to bring them into contempt, &c.; therefore, he it resolved that the Committee on Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether said Packard, by authorizing said scandalous and libelous publication, has committed a breach of the privileges of this body, and what means, if any, should be taken to punish said Packard for said contempt, and to maintain the dignity and authority of this body. So ordered.

The House bill in reference to the protection of colored people was passed unanimously. The republican Legislature did not ballot for U. S. Senator. In the House Messrs. Barrett and Kennedy, who had gone over, denied that they were expelled. The democratic Legislature balloted for Senator without a choice. The U. S. Senate investigating Committee is still examining witnesses regarding the intimidation of voters.

A TILDEN SOLDIER.—A Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says:

At the National Theatre to night, in the interval between the acts, one of the soldiers lately brought to the arsenal, who occupied a seat in one of the upper tiers, rose up and commenced to cheer enthusiastically for Tilden. This brought down the house, many members of Congress were present participating in the applause. Efforts were made to quiet the soldier, but he would not be restrained, insisting that he had a right to hurrah for Tilden. He finally had to be led out.

Labor Troubles.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—At a meeting of masters and operatives, committees of the Lancashire cotton trade, yesterday, the masters unconditionally rejected all the operative conditions, because they would result in a general advance of wages. A meeting of operatives will be held. A rupture is expected.

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GUNS, REVOLVERS, WATCHES, Musical Instruments, New and Second-Hand Harness, Stoves, &c.

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IMPORTED LIQUORS.—On Palladian French Brandy, Old Double Grape and Dew Drop Holland Gin, very Old Jamaica Rum, Scotch Whisky, Duff Gordon's Sherry, Topaz and Cooking do, also a variety of other table and Cooking Wines.

GEO. MCBURNEY & SON,
109 and 170 King street.

CEMENT! CEMENT! Having been appointed agent for the celebrated ROUNDTOP CEMENT, I am prepared to fill all orders with dispatch at lowest market rates.

W. A. SMOOT.

APPLE and PEACH BUTTER for sale by package or by the pound by

G. W. RAMSAY,
Corner King and St. Asaph sts.

BAKER and other brands of Old Rye Whisky, Port, Sherry and Madeira Wine, all ways on hand at the old stand, 226 King st.

R. W. AVERY.

NEW RAISINS, Currants, Citron, Figs and Lemons for sale by

R. W. AVERY, 234 King st.

BOTTLED ALE, Porter and Brown Stout, foreign and domestic, for sale by

R. K. LAWSON & CO.

DURANG'S RHEUMATIC REMEDY Fitter's Rheumatic Compound; also Liniments, of various kinds, for sale by

E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

LOCAL NEWS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., Jan. 18, 1877.—10:30 a. m. In the Lower Lake region and Middle States slowly falling barometer and rising temperature, winds mostly southerly or easterly, partly cloudy weather, light snow in former and light clouds in the southern portion of the former, probably succeeded to-night in the former by rising barometer, and winds shifting to northerly.

BANQUET LAST NIGHT.—The banquet of the Society of Old Students of St. John's Academy, last night, proved a greater success than even its most ardent advocates had hoped. The members of the Society met at the Academy, on Columbus street, shortly after eight o'clock, and after transacting some routine business, formed in line, under the marshaling of Mr. Donald McLean, and preceded by the principal of the Academy, and the president and other officers of the Society, marched to the residence of Mr. John T. Hill, on South Lee street, where the banquet was prepared. Each of the participants was presented with a handsomely lithographed card of invitation, a souvenir of the occasion. After removing a couple of minutes passed in the conversation, the guests were invited to the supper room, where a scene, calculated to delight the veriest epicure or the greatest gourmands, met their view. The tables were most tastefully and beautifully arranged, and were loaded down with all of the substantial and delicacies that the markets afford. In the center of one table were the mottoes, formed in bright colors on brilliant goblets of egg-nog, "R. L. C.," "Old Students," "1833," while on the other table, similarly formed, were "St. John's Academy," "1877." The order was at once given to "fall on," and for some time the clattering of plates, knives and forks was heard, varied by jokes, and badinage freely passed from table to table. When all had eaten to their hearts' content the dishes were removed and the toast drinking commenced. Toasts were drunk to the school, the society, the host and hostess, the officers and various others, and appropriate and eloquent responses were made by Messrs. C. F. Markell, J. T. Hill, C. E. Stuart, R. L. Caran, Hubert Snowden, Julian Taylor, D. McLean, A. W. Armstrong, P. G. Bowman, W. K. Davidson and others. There was a perfect storm of wit and repartee, and all present enjoyed themselves very much. The company then adjourned to the parlors, where songs and conversation were indulged in until a late hour. Before the company parted, on motion of Mr. Oscar P. Baggett, a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Hill, for the very excellent and plentiful repast prepared by them, which was unanimously voted to exel anything of the sort ever before gotten up in Alexandria. Not a single unpleasant incident occurred to mar the pleasures of the evening.

FISH PROTECTION.—In the U. S. Senate, yesterday, Mr. Whyte, of Maryland, presented a petition signed by various citizens and business men of the District, praying for the passage of a law for the protection of fish in the waters of the Potomac, within the District of Columbia. The memorialists represent that the catch of fish in the Potomac has gradually decreased of late years until it has reached an exceedingly low point, and that there have been used in the river for years past what are called stake, pond, or trap nets, placed in such a manner as to impede the passage of the fish to the upper waters of the river, where they go to spawn. The memorialists recommend that the regular fishing season begin on the 20th of March and end on the 20th of May of each year, and that no seine be hauled from 12 o'clock Saturday of one week to 12 o'clock Monday of the following week. They conclude by saying that if the young fish hatched here are prevented from returning to spawn, as they invariably do when they attain their growth, the time and money spent by the fish commissioner to restock the Potomac with shad and herring will be in vain. The petition was referred to the District Committee.

CAPT. J. M. STEWART.—A Washington correspondent of the Raleigh, N. C. Daily News speaks thus of Capt. J. M. Stewart: "Captain J. M. Stewart, Postmaster, who was probably the worst abused of all the officers of the House when elected, has proven one of the most popular and efficient, and will hardly have opposition. Born in Alexandria, Va., he, at an early age, went to fight his country's battles and gained a deservedly high reputation as a soldier in the Mexican war. He afterwards was among the pioneers to California, where his magnanimity, good sense and gentlemanly bearing soon attracted the good will of his confederates, and he was chosen to important positions in the early days of that vigorous State. At the breaking out of the late war he left his all in California and crossed the country to his native State, where he fought until the end of the civil war. He is a remarkable man, possessing the physique of a Hercules, and a heart as tender as that of a woman. When elected to his present position he did not rudely turn away the former employees, but treated them so kindly that when leaving not one man had an unkind word to say against him."

THE ICE.—Although the ice in the river is pretty well honey-combed by the wet weather, yet it still holds together, and, as far as out the channel bank, is of sufficient tenacity to bear a man's weight. The steamer John W. Thompson, which has been lying at the end of Reed's wharf for some time past, was gotten under steam, to-day, and moved up to the old Columbia wharf, where she was put into the dock to avoid the expected run of the ice. The steamer experienced but little difficulty in making her way through the ice, finding it thin, and in many places quite mushy. A supply of coal was sent to Quantico by rail, to-day, for the tug Kate, and it is expected that she will renew her attempt to come up to this city to-morrow or next day. The telegraphic accounts from the upper river do not justify the fears of a great freshet here which have been freely expressed in the past few days.

M. E. CHURCH.—The services yesterday were not so well attended on account of the inclemency of the weather. Mr. Webb conducted the afternoon meeting. Rev. A. J. Porter preached an earnest and impressive sermon at night from St. John xviii. 1: "I have told you that I am he; if therefore you seek Me, let these go their way." Four persons presented themselves for prayer. Notwithstanding the unfavorable state of the weather the services are full of interest, and the indications are such as to encourage the pastor and those engaged with him in carrying on the exercises. The services will be continued to-day. The first hour to night will be given to the Union prayer meeting.

THE SOUP HOUSE.—The soup house continues to dispense its favors to large numbers of persons each day. During the hours of distribution the pavement and street corners in the neighborhood are thronged with people, nearly all of whom are of the "battered" wards, awaiting their supplies of provision. Mr. Thomas Posey has been employed to assist the superintendent, and to act as night watchman, and proves a valuable acquisition to the establishment. The following donations are acknowledged: Mr. Gilbort, lot of cabbage, Col. C. F. Suttle, 3 lbs. of beans.

Look out for cold weather and don't catch cold, but if you do, nothing will meet the requirements of your situation as well as Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

FAIRFAX VS. CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA.—Upon the application of Charles E. Stuart, Corporation Attorney of this city, Chief Justice Waite, of the Supreme Court of the United States, this morning, granted a writ of error to the judgment of the Court of Appeals of Virginia in the above suit. The writ is to issue and operate as a supersedeas upon the City Council giving bond with security to the sum of \$12,000. The Supreme Court has jurisdiction in all cases involving a Federal question, and should there be error in the judgment of the Court of Appeals of Virginia, has authority to reverse that judgment, and give judgment in favor of the city.

PARTRIDGES.—Wishing to test the truth or falsity of the reports as to the poisonous nature of partridges at the present time, Major George Duffey this morning dissected the carcass of one of the birds, and found it full of laurel leaves, which are regarded as a deadly poison to man. As the killing of these birds is now prohibited by law, their feeding on these poisonous leaves will have no terror for law-abiding citizens.

SURPRISE PARTY.—A large number of the friends of Mr. Julius Diefus gave a surprise party at his residence, near the upper end of King street, last night. An abundance of good things was provided, and after they had been fully discussed, room was made for dancing, and many "tripped it on the light fantastic toe" until an early hour this morning.

POLICE ITEMS.—The only cases at the Mayor's office this morning were a negro man, for striking a negro woman, and a white man, for being drunk and disorderly, both of whom were appropriately disposed of. A white woman was brought there last night, charged with being insane, but she was found to be only garrulous and was discharged.

DISAPPEARED.—Jack Heath, formerly of this city, but lately of Washington, who was summoned in the recent gambling investigation there and disappeared for a time to avoid testifying, has again departed for parts unknown to avoid a subpoena of the Congressional Committee who are investigating the same subject.

FOR THE PENITENTIARY.—Deputy Sergeant J. W. Armstrong and Deputy Treasurer J. R. Cason, started for Richmond, last night, having in charge John Paine, who was convicted at the last term of the Corporation Court of highway robbery, and sentenced to five years' confinement in the penitentiary.

MANASSAS BRANCH.—The trains on the Manassas Branch of the Midland Road went up as usual this morning, but only ran as far as Front Royal, to which point they will go until the damage to the bridge at Riverton, mentioned in yesterday's Gazette, is repaired.

WORK RESUMED.—Work was resumed at the machine shops of the Midland Road, yesterday, after a stoppage of about a month, caused by necessary repairs to the large boiler there. The employees are only working on half time for the present, however.

Local Briefs.

The union prayer meeting will be held in the M. E. Church at 7:30 o'clock to-night.

In making out the list of vessels in port, yesterday, the name of the schooner Belle Halliday, loaded with coal, was accidentally omitted. The weather last night was considerably cooler, and the ground this morning was covered with a thin coating of ice, formed from last night's rain.

Ellis H. Spear, of Maine, who has been nominated for Commissioner of Patents, was formerly a resident of this city and is well known here.

Every arrangement has been made to ensure the success of the hop for the benefit of the Alexandria Library, which is to be given at Sarepta Hall, to-morrow night. Indications point to a large attendance.

There are two valuable ingredients used in Dr. Wells' Eureka, which is a secret of his. Wherever it has been introduced it takes the lead.

CROWDED ALWAYS.—Selling dry goods very cheap. Black and colored cashmeres, the widest double width, 50c; double width black alpaca 25c; large blankets \$2.50. Carter's 707 Market Space, Washington, D. C.

It does not make any difference how severe the case of bilious derangement is, Simmons' Liver Regulator will cure it speedily and effectually without salivation, or that prostration of the system ensuing from the use of drastic purgatives.

As there are many spurious imitations of this valuable medicine, take care you get the genuine.

"We have been selling your medicine for some time, and we find it better adapted to the cure of bilious attack than any other medicine we have ever used or sold."

"JAS. M. BEASLEY & Co.,
"Maguolia, Ark."

THOMAS PERRY, Agent,

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No. 17 King street,

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Agent for the sale of

ISAAC WENGER'S

CELEBRATED FAMILY FLOUR.

Jan 18-1st

CAME TO MY PREMISES, across Hunting Creek, yesterday, a STRAY CALF, red and white. The owner, by proving property and paying charges, can take it away.

OLIVER FULMAN,
Jan 18-3rd

40 BBL'S BALDWIN APPLES for sale by

THOMAS PERRY, Agent,

18 PKGS CHOICE BUTTER for sale by

THOMAS PERRY, Agent,

FINE VALENCIA ORANGES and MESSENA LEMONS received to-day by

G. W. RAMSAY.

SWIFT & COURTNEY'S PARLOR MATCHES, 500s and 60s, received by

G. W. RAMSAY.

MORE FORTY CENT TEAS at

RAMSAY'S.

"LEE YEH HING CHOP," the finest gun-powder tea imported, for sale by

G. W. RAMSAY.

JESSAMINE OOLONG TEA, extra fine, at

RAMSAY'S.

FINEST CAROLINA RICE just received by

GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

PINEAPPLE CHEESE, very choice,

GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

BEST PEARL BARLEY for sale by

GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

CANTON GINGER, in 5 lb jars just rec'd.

GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

20 BOXES YARMOUTH BLOATERS just received by

W. A. JOHNSON,

N. E. cor. Cam. and Royal sts.

LILLIES BY WEIGHT, in quantities to suit, and in glasses, received and for sale by

F. J. DAVIDSON 147 King st.

BLOATERS received to-day by

J. C. & E. MILBURN.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

GREAT UPROAR ABOUT CLOTHING.

The largest stock of Overcoats and Suits bought at bankrupt sale to close out. Good Overcoats from \$2.50 upwards, including the very best of imported Chinchillas, Beavers, Kersers, &c. Gents' Cassimere Suits, consisting of Coat, Pants and Vest, at \$4.50; all wool Suits at \$6.50 and upwards, including the finest imported materials; excellent Children's Suits, 3 years, \$1.25; 4 years \$1.75; 5 years \$2.25; 6 years \$2.75 and upwards. They must be sold quick at

S. DEALMAN'S,
dec 8
89 King street.

TO THE LADIES.—We have just received a fine assortment of Gentlemen's, Boys' and Youths' Fine Toilet Slippers, suitable for the holidays, which will be sold at prices to suit the times. [dec 6] WADDEY, 74 King st.

AMUSEMENTS.

ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY HOP.

A Hop will be given for the

Benefit of the Alexandria Library

AT SAREPTA HALL,

ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 19th, 1877.

COMMITTEE:

M. Slaughter, General M. D. Corso, Col. M. Mayo, George Uhler, R. J. Daingerfield, J. T. Beckham, Frank Marbury, Arthur Gregory, Lawrence Stabler, D. McLean, R. S. Minor, C. S. Taylor, Jr., C. B. Fowle, A. Bryan, K. W. Falls, Floor Manager.

Tickets \$1 lady's ticket 50c; to be had from any of the above committees. Jan 16-1d

GUNS, PISTOLS, CAPS, WADS, CARTRIDGES, &c., in same lot on the corner of Royal and King sts.—We are offering our stock of Guns, &c., at very low figures. Two Breach-loaders for sale at a great bargain. Call and examine.

nov 25 J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

AXES! AXES! At 88 King street.

On hand 60 dozen Chopping Axes, of assorted shapes, &c., which we offer at very low prices by the box or single. A. X.

nov 24 J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

STAFFORD MANUFACTURING CO'S. STENCIL COMBINATION, containing Alphabet, Figures, Ink and Brush, an assortment of sizes, for sale at 88 King street. A nice article for marking bags, boxes, &c.

nov 13 J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

BLACK FRENCH CASHMERE.

We received this day (January 18, 1877) the best and cheapest line of Black Cashmeres offered by us this season. Call and examine them. Also a choice lot of pretty new Calicoes and other goods—all cheap.

A few beautiful Cloaks on hand for less than prime cost.

D. F. BRASHEAR,
No. 109 King street,
William Ogden. [Jan 1] Alexandria, Va.

NEW GOODS JUST RECEIVED.

Our sales at reduced prices had so reduced our stock that we have visited the market to replenish, and again our stock is well assorted, and will be sold cheap.

Jan 12 H. C. SLAYMAKER CO.

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE.

Before commencing assessing for the Corporation on the 1st of February, I can be found at my office, No. 6 Market building, from 2:00 p. m., so as to meet persons wishing change made in their real estate.

GEORGE DUFFEY,
Comm'r. of Revenue.

FOR RENT.—The store story BRICK DWELLING HOUSE, with fourteen rooms, gas, bath room, hot and cold water. No. 26 Fairfax street, now occupied by Edgar Snowden, esq. Possession given February 22d. For terms apply next door to

Jan 11—West KATE U. TAYLOR.

FIRST NAT'L. BANK OF ALEXA., VA., Alexandria, Dec. 14, 1876.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, the 16th day of January, 1877, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock.

dec 14—Wm CHAS. R. HOFF, Cashier.

FIRST NAT'L. BANK OF ALEXA., VA., January 10, 1877.

The semi-annual dividend (five per cent) will be paid to the stockholders on and after Wednesday, January 17th, 1877.

Jan 10—603 CHAS. R. HOFF, Cashier.

NEURALGIA! NEURALGIA! Just received another supply of

MILLER'S NEURALGIA PILLS. A cure for headache, neuralgia, &c. Also Benson's Pills of Colic and Cholera, for Nervous Headaches, &c.

W. F. CREIGHTON.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.—We have on hand one first class SEWING & BAKING SHUTTLE SEWING MACHINE; also two second hand Elastic Stitch Machines, which we will sell at very low prices and on accommodating terms.

dec 10 E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

BACON! Small Sugar-cured Breakfast Pieces, Shoulders, Unseasoned Hams and unseasoned Bacon, for sale by

W. A. JOHNSON,

dec 26 N. E. cor. Cameron and Royal sts.

HATCHETS, SAWS, PLANES and other TOOLS, just received and for sale at reduced prices at 88 King st., corner of Royal st., Alexandria, Va.

nov 25 J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

STRAYED from the premises, a liver-colored SPOTTED PUPPY, about 6 months old. The finder will be rewarded by leaving him at the corner of Washington and Prince sts.

Jan 16-3d WM. F. BROOKES.

CHAMPAGNE DRY VERZENAY, G. H. Mumm & Co., Reims, pint and quart bottles, for sale by

GEO. MCBURNEY & SON,

dec 12 Fine Grocers, 166 & 170 King st.

CHRISTMAS GROCERIES IN GREAT VARIETY.

It will pay to examine our elegant stock and inquire prices before purchasing your supply.

dec 12 F. J. DAVIDSON, 147 King st.

ANDERSON'S UNRIVALLED MINCE MEAT, guaranteed far superior to all others, and for sale at a lower price than is asked for inferior brands.

dec 12 F. J. DAVIDSON, 147 King st.

NEW ORLEANS and other grades of BACON received this day and for sale at bottom prices by

R. W. AVERY, 234 King st.

FRENCH BRANDY, pure Jamaica Spirits, and Baker's Old Rye Whisky, for sale by

W. A. JOHNSON,

dec 12 N. E. cor. Cam. and Royal sts.

ANOTHER INVITE OF RAISINS, Currants, Citron and other Christmas goods